

SCHOOL

AND

FINANCIAL REPORTS,

OF THE

TOWN OF PETERBORO',

For the Year 1865-6.

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SCHOOL REPORT.

THE Superintending School Committee respectfully submit the following Report:

DISTRICT NO. I.

Prudential Committee, A. S. SCOTT, J. SCOTT, E. W. McINTOSH.

First Department. Summer term. Teacher, MRS. A. B. HILDRETH. Mrs. Hildreth was obliged, on account of ill health, to discontinue her school in the middle of the seventh week, much to the regret of all concerned. She had made an excellent beginning, and had won the esteem and affection of the entire school, who parted with her with much sadness and disappointment. It was very manifest to the Superintending Committee that had she been able to finish her work, the school had taken a very high rank; indeed, so far as it went it was an eminent success.

Winter term. Teacher, JOHN L. HILDRETH. We are happy to report that under the wise and able management of Mr. Hildreth, this important school preserved through the winter an orderly, studious and prosperous character. It is to be regretted, however, that some outside influences in the village were so enticing as to divide somewhat the interest and attention of many of the scholars, making them irregular in their attendance, and unfitting them in a measure for the duties of the school. Notwithstanding, the effect of Mr. Hildreth's thorough and sound method of teaching was plainly visible in the examination of

the school at its close." We especially commend his vigorous exactness in hearing recitations. The principle upon which he proceeded is the only true one: that a perfect lesson alone is a *good* lesson and an imperfect lesson always a *poor* lesson. The school was a highly successful one, and the scholarship attained of a very high order.

Second Department. Summer term. Teacher, Miss P. C. SCOTT. The teacher of this school having devoted years to the instructing of the young in our common schools, and in the academy, was eminently fitted by education and experience to take charge of this Department. Well did she sustain the character she has so justly earned and so long borne of being a judicious and successful instructor.

The scholars made rapid and thorough progress and showed they were under the discipline of one who understood her work. The examination at the close of the school was one of rare interest and evinced studious habits on the part of the scholars and diligent labor on the part of the teacher.

Fall Term. Teacher, Miss M. A. AMES. This school was taught by an experienced teacher, and her success was of a most gratifying character. The school was under kind but firm discipline, and the order was good. The examination evinced diligence on the part of the scholars and faithful labor on the part of the teacher.

Winter term. Teacher, Mr. CHARLES S. PIERCE. This is one of our "wide awake" schools; but not always so in the best sense. It is a school difficult to govern, but when governed, a most interesting one. The scholars are of that age when they learn easily, and readily retain what they acquire. Generally the diligence and deportment of this school is praiseworthy; but the present term seemed to be an exception. The scholars forgot, perhaps, the respect due their teacher and the deportment becoming them, and thus partially defeated the success that would otherwise have attended the arduous efforts of their teacher for their improvement. There appeared to be a lack of firm and good discipline, and consequently of good order. The teacher labored hard to instruct the scholars and give satisfaction to the district. But he failed to satisfy himself. At first he thought to secure the love of the scholars, and in that way awaken an interest in their studies, and when it was necessary to bring his

authority to bear, he found that it did not avail to secure the object desired. Mr Pierce is a young man of excellent character and good qualifications for a teacher, and with experience, must be successful in a school where there were but ordinary difficulties to encounter.

Third Department. Summer and Fall Terms. Teacher, MRS. E. J. HALE. No one surpasses this long-tried and successful teacher, in her sympathy for children, her aptness in instructing them and her success in gaining their love. She succeeds most admirably, by adopting new methods of arrangement, and by varying the general exercises of the school, in imparting much valuable information to her charge, outside of the books used in her department. In the exercise of tenderness, patience and perseverance, who can surpass her? Yet the discipline of her school is both judicious and successful.

DISTRICT NO. II.

Prudential Committee, MR. ARCHELAUS CRAGIN.

Summer Term. Teacher, MISS MARTHA R. WILDER. This was one of our best summer schools. The scholars were studious and obedient, and disposed to improve their opportunities to acquire knowledge. The teacher was scholarly and apt to teach. The order of the school was excellent and she met with the most gratifying success. As a disciplinarian and instructor, she has few superiors.

Winter Term. Teacher, MR. RODNEY H. WILDER. How speedily does the character of the same school change, when parents unite in any measure, with scholars, in preventing the success of their school? The teacher of this term had taught with good success several schools; was a good scholar, and of excellent moral character. He was qualified in some respects, to be eminently successful in his method of instruction. He lacked perhaps, somewhat in *firmness*, which was an essential quality to govern *well* this school. Good success would have crowned the labors of this teacher in almost any other school, where there were only ordinary obstacles to be met. Let prejudice against a teacher get a firm hold of any district, and few are able to conquer it entirely. Even here, the examination showed thorough drill, and good habits of study. The progress of those scholars who were disposed to improve their advantages,

was good, and the classes, though decimated by absentees, appeared very well indeed.

DISTRICT NO. III.

Prudential Committee, DEB. JOHN SMITH.

Summer Term. Teacher, MISS SUSAN P. SMITH. This school was carefully taught and well governed. Miss Smith labored hard and faithfully, and the scholars made good progress. The examination gave evidence of thorough instruction and commendable application throughout the term.

Winter Term. Teacher, DANIEL M. WHITE. The young man who begun this school was obliged to give it up at the expiration of one week, on account of ill health. He also made an unsuccessful beginning. It was then taken by Mr. White, a resident of the district and formerly a pupil in the school, who carried it through successfully, and with much credit to himself. Many of the best scholars formerly connected with the school, who have for many years contributed largely to give it the enviable name it has hitherto enjoyed, have left the school to find employment elsewhere,—some in teaching, some in domestic duties, and some in the realities of a higher world. Their places are left vacant. They are missed. The school, therefore, is a very different one from what it used to be. Still it has *some* of the same old elements, and some new ones equally promising. Mr. White has shown himself in the management of the material in his hands, a competent and efficient teacher. The examination was good. Such results as it evinced could not have been brought about without close and patient application on the part of both teacher and scholars.

DISTRICT NO. IV.

Prudential Committee, MR. J. Q. ADAMS.

Summer Term. Teacher, MISS HELEN A. FISKE. A small school of small but interesting scholars. They were industrious and obedient—and it required but little authority to govern this school. The teacher was faithful and successful, and showed the elements of a popular teacher, which will be developed by experience.

Winter Term. Teacher, MISS CARRIE BROOKS. The scholars were few in numbers, but some of them advanced in their

studies. They seemed studious and interested in their studies, and passed an excellent examination. The order of the school was good, and the success of the teacher highly gratifying.

DISTRICT NO. V.

Prudential Committee, JOHN STEWART.

Summer Term. Teacher, MISS ANNIE J. GREGG. In this, her first term of teaching, Miss Gregg showed that she has many of the elements of a good teacher. The school was well and thoroughly taught, and the scholars made rapid progress in their studies.

Winter Term. Teacher, MISS MARTHA R. WILDER. Miss Wilder has had considerable experience as a teacher, and is one of our best. Her own district was fortunate in securing her services for this term. The marked improvement which all her scholars made under her faithful and efficient instruction, was plainly evident at the examination, and, in some particulars, not a little surprising. It is pleasant to see this school taking its place, gradually but surely, among the best in town.

DISTRICT NO. VI.

Prudential Committee, W. F. WHITE.

Summer Term. Teacher, MISS MARY J. PARKER. For some reason or other this district is rapidly increasing, at least in the number of its scholars. This term there were 43 scholars, against 39 the corresponding term of last year. Well, we are glad to see it, especially when so good advantages for schooling are had there as the district has enjoyed for the past three or four years. The people have an honest pride in their school. And well they may. It was as well and ably taught during the present term as in any of the preceding terms of Miss Parker's administration.

Winter Term. Same teacher, as a matter of course. The noticeable features of the school this term were: 1st, the lively interest of the scholars in their various branches of study—especially on the part of the larger boys; 2nd, the harmony that prevailed between the scholars and the teacher throughout the term; 3d, the entire absence of anything like rude, or profane or obscene language on the part of any of the scholars—not a syllable of the kind having been heard by the teacher during

the whole winter. Probably her presence in the school room, during the intermissions at noon, will partly account for the fact. But however brought about, it is to be wished that other schools might copy the example of No. 6 in this respect.

DISTRICT NO. VII

Prudential Committee, Mr. THOMAS HADLEY.

Summer Term. Teacher, Miss M. A. AMES. Miss Ames is a thorough scholar and an efficient teacher. She succeeds in awakening enthusiasm in the dullest scholars. Kind and affable in her deportment in school, she yet carries a firm hand in disciplining her scholars. The examination passed off very pleasantly, and was much enjoyed by those present.

Fall and Winter Terms. Teacher, Miss SUSAN P. SMITH. Energetic and diligent, this teacher showed skill in governing her school, and succeeded in imparting thorough instruction to her pupils. The order of the school was excellent. The scholars appeared interested in their studies and made commendable progress. The examination indicated exact and careful instruction and argued the possession of high qualities in the teacher as an instructor of youth.

DISTRICT NO. VIII.

Prudential Committee, Mr. ALVAH PUFFER.

Winter Term. Teacher, Miss MARY N. THOMPSON. This is one of our small but very pleasant schools. The scholars are bright and studious, and seem to enjoy attending school, as they would a pastime. Their teacher was eminently successful in awakening an interest in the studies pursued and imparting instruction of the best quality. The order of the school and its discipline were excellent. The examination was a treat to the parents who witnessed it, and who ever take a deep interest in the prosperity of their school.

DISTRICT NO. IX.

Prudential Committee, Mr. JAMES M. NAY.

Summer and Fall Terms. Teacher, Miss SARAH E. FROST. On the part of most of the scholars in this school there was a commendable degree of punctuality in attendance and faithful

study of the branches pursued. The progress made in study was praiseworthy. The discipline and order was good. The teacher is one of large experience and success, and the instruction of these terms can but add to her deserved popularity. This school suffers every year from the want of punctual attendance on the part of some of the scholars, the remedy for which seems to lie entirely in the hands of the parents.

Winter Term. Teacher, STEPHEN A. SAWYER. Mr. Sawyer entered this school evidently with the purpose of accomplishing a certain amount of work, and his plans and enthusiasm so completely got hold of his scholars that they and he became one in their interests and aims, and labored together for the accomplishment of the object before them with the utmost harmony and mutual confidence. In all the elements that constitute success—good order, sound scholarship, and promptness—this school was unsurpassed. The district doubtless feels that it got the best end of the bargain, although it *expended more money than any other* district in town to secure *the right* teacher for their winter term. It is to be hoped that they will be equally as shrewd and politic in the future.

DISTRICT NO. X.

Prudential Committee, P. R. DAVIS.

Teacher, MISS JENNIE SHELTON. Notwithstanding some disadvantages which this school labors under, yet its patrons take a commendable interest in its welfare, and endeavor always to procure good teachers, proceeding upon the principle that it is better to pay a good teacher high wages for even a short term, than to prolong the term with a cheap and inefficient teacher. The school the past winter, the only term of the year, was an exceedingly successful and profitable one. The teacher had the faculty of inciting her scholars to study and to learn, and the good results which were presented at the examination gratified all who had the pleasure of witnessing them.

GENERAL REMARKS.

The promptness of the several Prudential Committees in securing efficient teachers, and in attending to the duties of their

office is to be commended, since upon their fidelity depends in a large degree the success of each school. As a general thing the schools have had good and faithful teachers, who have received the co-operation of the parents in most districts. Some of the schools have been shorter than usual, on account of the want of means to pay the teacher for a longer school. Our schools ought to be the pride of the town, and no efforts should be spared by parents and friends of education to make them a success. The perpetuity of the liberties of our country are largely dependent on our system of free school instruction. May our schools in the future, as they have in the past, prove the glory of our free republic.

G. DUSTAN, } S. S. Committee
C. B. FERRY, } of Peterboro'.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

SUMMER SCHOOLS.

Districts.		Length of School.	Wages per month.	Number of Scholars.	Males.	Females.	Average Attendance.	Number of Tardinesses.	Number of Dismissions.	Number not Absent.	Visits of the S. S. Com.	Visits of the Prud. Com.	Visits of Others.
No. 1	1	7½	\$24 00	49 16	33	37	71	29	6	5			15
	2	10	23 00	55 30	25	48¾	45		7	6	2		70
	3	10	21 00	48 24	24	38¼	70	3	3	4	1		45
"	2	10	20 00	32 15	17	28	9	18	6	2			34
"	3												
"	4	6	12 00	4 3	1	3½			2	2	1		5
"	5	10	12 00	21 15	6	16	3	3		2			24
"	6	12	16 00	43 19	24	36	14	10	8	2	1		48
"	7	10	16 00	22 8	14	14½	40	13	4	2	2		37
"	*8												
"	9	11	20 00	41 20	21	30¾	18	25	1	2			25
"	2	10	20 00	24 16	8	17½	18	9	1	2			23
"	10												

WINTER SCHOOLS.

No. 1	1	10	\$45 00	45 16	29	40 $\frac{1}{2}$	107	68	4	8	1	42
	2	10	37 00	42 25	17	35 $\frac{1}{4}$	91	118	2	7	4	97
	3	10	22 50	41 21	20	33	31	24		5	2	65
	4	10	21 00	47 24	23	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	62	10	4	3		18
"	2	10	33 00	39 27	12	29	61	31	2	3	2	41
"	3	10	*	31 21	10	27	20	8	8	2	2	70
"	4	10	17 00	7 6	1	5 $\frac{3}{8}$		1	3	2	1	17
"	5	11	20 00	17 15	2	13	10	3	3	2	2	14
"	6	12	24 00	42 23	19	42	21	21	8	2	2	32
"	7	18	17 00	24 9	15	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	93	36	4	3	2	18
"	*8											
"	9	12	48 00	37 18	19	33	21	45	8	3	1	115
"	10	8	14 80	8 7	1	7	31		5	2	2	17

*Not reported.

LIBRARY REPORT.

The Committee on the Town Library submit the following Report :

No. of volumes at the beginning of the year,	2077
Added during the year,	104
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	2181
Worn out,	29
Lost,	3—
	32
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No. of volumes now in the library,	2149

Of the books added the present year, forty-six have been purchased; thirty-three were given by the American Unitarian Association; twenty-one by Messrs. Clark and Rollins; one by J. H. Morison, D. D.; one from funds of Young Men's Debating Club; and two by an unknown friend.

The amount collected for fines is \$12.66, and the amount assessed, but unpaid, is \$9.78.

The following is the financial condition of the Library :

Received of last year's Committee,	\$14 84
“ of Town Treasurer,	60 00
“ of Librarian (fines),	12 66
“ from sale of worn out books,	1 00
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Total,	\$88 50

Paid for new books,	\$65 38	
“ “ binding old books,	7 58	
“ “ express, postage &c.,	1 38—	\$74 34
Balance,		<u>\$14 16</u>

The Committee report that the annual appropriation is insufficient to maintain the present status of the library, not to mention increasing it. More books were worn out the last year than have been added by purchase the present year. They would recommend that some measures be taken to enlarge the library. A new Catalogue is also needed. The edition printed in 1860 is exhausted, and of the books since added, comprising some five hundred volumes, there is but a single manuscript catalogue for the use of the public.

The duties of the Librarian have been faithfully performed. But three books have been lost during the year, two of which have been paid for. No. 1677 has disappeared from the shelves of the library. Eighty-one persons have been fined for non-ob servance of the rules, of whom fifty have paid their dues.

The following books were not returned on the 1st Monday in March:

No. 1496 charged to Patrick Ruddy,
 “ 1738 “ “ Mrs. York,
 Nos. 2091—2083 charged to Alvah Puffer,
 “ 1937—420 “ “ Mary J. Chamberlain.

It having been represented to the Committee that several persons temporarily residing in town desired the use of the library, and there appearing to be no authority under the rules for issuing books to them, the Committee in order to secure the library against loss adopted the following additional rule which is submitted for approval or revision:

RULE 8. Temporary Residents of the town shall be entitled to the use of the Library on the same conditions as actual residents, provided they deposit with the librarian the value of the books taken out, which sum shall be refunded on returning them.

A. M. PENDLETON,
 STEPHEN A. SAWYER, } Library Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RENDERED FEB. 1ST, 1866.

Town of Peterborough in Account with Charles H. Brooks, Treasurer.

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Cash in hands of Treasurer Feb. 1, 1865,	\$1005 67
" received of Selectmen, money borrowed,	29009 34
" " from State aid for families,	3853 30
" " Literary Fund,	49 40
" " from State, Savings Bank tax,	704 67
" " " " Railroad tax,	74 71
" " S. H. Caldwell, Collector,	453 89
" " of Circus for License,	30 00
" " of G. T. Wheeler, for rent,	250 00
" " of J. R. Miller, for rent,	75 00
" " of Masons and Odd Fellows, for rent,	79 89
" " Abatements for 1862, 1863 and 1864,	270 97

Whole amount of tax list, 1865, \$16048 50

Uncollected taxes, 1111 16

Amount of taxes received before Sept. 15th, \$3808 73

Less 7 per cent., 266 61— 3542 12

Amount of taxes received from Sept. 15 to Jan. 15, 11,128 61

Less 5 per cent., 556 43—10,572 18

Whole amount of receipt, \$49,971 14

DR.

Paid State tax, \$6285 00

Paid County tax, 1497 62—\$7782 62

Schools and Library.

Paid District No. 1,	\$575 67
" " 2,	133 10
" " 3,	138 75
" " 4,	71 00
" " 5,	95 25
" " 6,	121 05
" " 7,	130 75
" " 8,	58 25
" " 9,	250 00
" " 10,	30 00

Paid C. Hayward, Clement and Hadley's tax,	7 00
" Jabez Townsend, B. M. McClenning's tax,	2 50
" Library Committee,	60 00
" John R. Miller, Librarian,	30 00
" George Dustan, S. S. Committee,	15 00
" Charles B. Ferry, S. S. Committee,	15 00—\$1733 32

Paid Notes and Interest.

Paid Peterboro' Bank, notes and interest,	\$8543 55
Sargent Bohonan,	510 50
Daniel Conant,	1140 96
Asa Twitchell,	420 00
George M. Clark,	204 61
John D. Holmes,	840 46
Willis L. Ames,	500 00
Cyrus Frost,	31 88
Albert Mason,	486 76
James R. Mooney,	266 80
George N. Bailey,	310 42
Cyrus Frost,	42 50
Daniel W. Osborn,	169 58
Wallace Clark,	105 00
Ambrose F. Upton,	325 00
Daphne E. Osgood,	834 00
Betsey Steele,	8 36
Asa F. Gowing,	115 67
Isaac Hadley,	36 00
Peterboro' Savings Bank,	966 00
George Bruce,	202 75
Henry E. Badger,	323 75
Wirling Gregg,	120 00
John Vose,	426 00
Adoni Negretta,	767 45
Willis L. Ames,	972 00
John D. Holmes,	1461 94
C. H. Brooks,	162 00
Franklin Fields,	4 50
Allen R. Hood,	473 11
Martin V. White,	235 30
Ervin H. Smith,	730 24
Daniel M. White,	973 56
Osgood T. Hadley,	291 37
George D. May,	309 11
Thomas Little,	10 00
Eli S. Hunt,	35 20
Moses Eaton,	604 57
Daphne E. Osgood,	40 00
Samuel W. Taggart,	445 56
Jonathan Smith,	313 85
John C. Richardson,	468 60
Daniel Shedd,	613 20
Joseph McCoy,	369 00
Mrs. Ellen R. Page,	33 00
Cyrus Blanchard,	212 00
Charles B. Chapman,	270 90

Joseph McCoy, interest,	17 50
Joseph S. Upton, note and interest,	544 33
Charles Jewett, " "	18 35
Angeline H. Blood, " "	36 00
Ebenezer W. McIntosh, " "	1024 50
Nathan Holt, " "	7 50
Charles H. Brooks, " "	20 84
Aaron Piper, " "	104 38
Joseph Wilder, " "	60 00
Albert S. Clark, " "	25 49
Irene Moore, " "	574 75
Emri Clark, " "	17 78
Wallace Clark, " "	4 00
George B. Tilden, " "	110 27
Timothy K. Ames, " "	123 40
John Scott, " "	901 20
Amos B. Emery, " "	38 11
Charles Jewett, " "	352 15
Clara Clark for Wallace Clark, interest,	5 00
Jonathan Smith, on note,	100 00
Mary L. Willoby, interest on C. E. Lakeman's note,	28 50—30,841 06

Paid Bounties to Soldiers.

Charles Jewett, bounty,	\$450 00
Wells E. York, " "	450 00
W. H. H. Greenwood, bounty,	450 00
John G. Richardson, " "	450 00
George D. May, " "	450 00
Charles S. Gray, " "	450 00
George N. Bailey, " "	450 00
George B. Tilden, " "	450 00
Martin V. White, " "	300 00—\$3900 00

Paid State Aid to Families.

Paid families as per book receipts,	\$1958 85
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Bridges and Railing.

Paid John A. Bullard for stone,	\$6 13
Josiah S. Morrison for plank,	81 01
John M. Collins,	9 54
Eri Spalding,	6 17
John Cragin,	1 00
P. W. Hopkins & Co.,	5 94
Benjamin Owen,	1 50
John M. Ramsey,	1 00
Division No. 182,	1 32
Benjamin Osmore,	1 50
Isaac Hadley,	2 50
John D. Diamond,	1 59
Thomas Little and team,	229 25
Wm. F. White,	4 42
John H. Vose, plank, &c.,	96 40
Mrs. E. Clark, board bill,	12 00
Charles B. Chapman,	47 50
Clark & Loveren, bill on new bridge,	60 50
Rourke & Breed, blacksmith bill,	11 23

Eli S. Hunt,	44 75
Thomas Scott,	44 00
Gowing & Washburn,	3 00
J. W. Macomber,	106 34
Amos B. Emery, stone,	39 00
John Stuart,	10 50
John C. Richardson,	3 50
William R. Dodd, labor,	30 00
Amos B. Emery, labor,	27 50
Benjamin W. Crosby, stringers, &c.,	48 75
N. H. Moore,	1 60
Charles B. Chapman,	1 75
Moses Gowing,	1 75
Franklin Field,	56 13
Albert Frost,	11 37
James Scott,	12 70
Eli S. Hunt,	3 00
George T. Wheeler's bill,	4 15
Augustus F. Smith,	1 50
Samuel B. Piper's estate,	1 75—\$1033 54

Note.—The whole cost of the Stone Bridge on Grove Street, including the filling up and the repairing of the wall above the bridge, is \$464 18.

Abatement of Taxes.

Abatements for 1862, '63 and '64,	\$270 97
Oliver Felt,	2 68
James G. Fish,	8 29
George H. Scripture,	7 27
Peterborough Savings Bank,	9 68
Town Farm,	49 91
Benjamin L. Winn,	1 09
Timothy N. Hunt,	2 18
Walter J. Hayward,	3 50
Samuel R. Miller,	87
William Miner,	3 50
John E. May,	1 75
Clarissa Scott,	3 64— \$365 23

Miscellaneous Expenses.

Paid S. H. Caldwell, collector,	\$27 85
Dearborn & Scott,	6 00
James Scott, services as selectman,	64 25
E. B. Kimball, supporting watering trough,	1 50
S. I. Vose, policeman,	23 00
H. A. Kimball, supporting watering trough,	1 50
S. B. Piper's estate,	2 48
Eli S. Hunt, services as selectman,	12 00
Rufus Forbush, services as town clerk,	26 10
Auditors for 1863,	9 00
C. A. Wheeler, small pox bill,	95 06
Eli S. Hunt, small pox bill,	46 72
A. S. Scott, insurance,	33 00
Samuel Whiting, land damages,	10 00
N. P. Greene, for tax books,	24 00
Geo. Y. Sawyer, in Bailey suit,	43 00

Franklin Field, services as selectman,	64 50
S. H. Caldwell, collector,	27 22
D. F. Hall's bill,	5 00
Thomas Little, services as selectman,	171 50
K. C. Scott, printing reports, adv'g. stationery, &c.,	59 34
Thomas Little, expenses to Concord on soldiers,	92 51
C. H. Brooks, services as treasurer, stationery, &c.,	74 00
David Smiley, taking care town clock,	25 00
Albert Frost, labor in graveyard,	23 25
James Scott, auditor for 1864,	3 00
Albert Frost, undertaker,	71 75
T. P. Ames and Joseph Cram, tolling bell,	10 00
Asa Davis for wagon, &c.,	14 95
W. S. Kyes, for Deluge engine company,	27 00—\$1096 43

For Highways.

Paid Asa Davis, road agent,	\$1335 00
Whole amount paid out,	\$50,046 20
Whole amount received,	49,971 14
Due the Treasurer,	\$75 06

CHARLES H. BROOKS, Treasurer.

February 1, 1866.

REPORT OF ROAD AGENT.

Town in account with Asa Davis, Road Agent for 1865.

Credit.

By cash of C. H. Brooks, Treasurer, \$1335 00

Debtor.

Paid Allen Buckminster,	\$29 75	John Cummings,	1 50
James Blair,	16 50	Noble Follansbee,	4 00
George Blair,	15 00	Timothy L. Hovey,	17 00
James Swan,	5 00	Stephen D. Robbe,	2 83
David Gould,	5 55	Benjamin Owen,	1 50
Hezekiah Abbott,	86 95	Moses W. Brown,	116 63
Jackson Clement,	10 87	Putnam Giddings,	40 75
Rufus Moors,	96 21	George Hadley,	1 38
Samuel Miller,	5 00	William Brackett,	1 48
Mrs. William McCoy,	1 00	George W. Ames,	13 50
Cyrus Blanchard,	1 25	Town Farm for ox work,	126 09
Jacob Longley,	15 00	John O. Nay,	4 50
Caleb Wilder,	3 50	J. D. Diamond,	2 50
J. H. Vose,	4 00	Walter Scott,	75
John E. May,	10 00	Wallace Scott,	1 00
Leonard Nahor,	1 50	Orin Smith,	4 00
John Q. Adams,	1 50	James Bailey,	1 50
Silas R. Farwell,	4 27	Horace Evans,	1 50
George Shedd,	5 37	John Wait,	3 00
Timothy Farnsworth,	7 62	N. F. Laws, Town Farm,	6 00
Franklin Field,	10 25	Cyrus Frost,	9 00
Benjamin Osmore,	5 00	Rourke & Breed,	9 83
Samuel Carey,	2 70	Daniel Edes,	75
Edward A. Robbe,	5 62	B. and Wyman Crosby,	17 40
Thomas Little,	25 62	Nathaniel H. Moore,	35 48
Jones N. Dodge,	2 25	John Ramsey,	1 50
Silas Sawyer,	4 38	William H. Whittemore,	1 50
Moses Gowing,	31 42	Josiah Brackett,	1 50
Palmer D. Brown,	1 50	Alvah Ames,	45 81
William Treadwell,	2 25	Warren Nichols,	75
Isaac Hadley,	3 00	Robert Morrison,	75

Paid Thomas Follansbee,	3 65	Paid Charles Barber,	3 00
John S. Treadwell,	75	G. W. Marden,	1 58
Isaac D. White,	3 76	William T. Lawrence,	4 00
George Cragin,	4 37	Asa Davis, for bills paid,	44 73
John N. Thayer,	2 25	P. R. Davis,	3 45
John T. Spofford,	5 60	Asa Davis, services & labor,	278 69
William Hadley,	1 70	David Blanchard,	1 25
John Stewart,	79 75		
			<u>\$1334 04</u>
Balance in Agent's hands,			96

The above amount was paid out as follows:

For labor on roads in summer of 1865,	\$1174 48
For breaking roads in winter of 1865,	134 56
For cutting bushes on the road in 1865,	25 00
	<u>\$1334 04</u>

ASA DAVIS, Agent,

REPORT OF OVERSEER OF THE POOR.

The Town of Peterboro' in acct. with Asa Davis, Overseer of the Poor.

CREDIT.

By cash for one pair of oxen sold the County,	\$180 00
For support of Coughlin boy at farm,	27 52
For beef sold Daniel Shedd,	280 00
Of County, by James Scott,	9 25
Of A. P. Morrison, cattle sold,	130 00
Of " " oat straw,	8 43
Of James Scott, for Eliza N. Badger,	5 00
Of N. F. Laws, from Farm,	58 00
Of H. K. French, oats from Farm,	18 00
Of County, by James Scott,	5 25
Of N. F. Laws, from Farm,	110 00
Of " " road bill,	6 00
Of R. B. Hatch, S. B. Piper's bill,	7 28
Of N. F. Laws, for articles sold at the Farm,	92 29
For work of oxen on the roads,	126 09
For " " off of the road,	18 87
For wagon sold N. F. Laws,	6 00

For work of N. F. Laws and oxen,	6 75
Of N. F. Laws, pasturing cow at Farm,	2 00
Of " " cow sold at the Farm,	46 00
For butter, cheese, pork, &c., sold by the Overseer,	333 21
For butter sold Alvah Ames,	1 35
For old silver sold from Farm,	4 44
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	\$1481 73

DEBTOR.

Paid balance due Overseer, 1865,	169 99
Funeral expenses of Alonzo Gray, to Milford,	8 75
John Langley, 1 pair oxen,	200 00
Eliza N. Badger, at Concord,	43 09
Thomas McCoy, " " "	44 65
Eliza N. Badger, " " "	45 89
Thomas McCoy, " " "	49 66
Assistance to Mrs. Thorning from Farm,	43 52
S. H. Caldwell & Co., sink, &c., for Farm,	6 45
Thomas McCoy, at Concord,	45 78
Eliza N. Badger, " " "	43 32
Rourke & Breed, blacksmith bill,	14 13
Thomas McCoy, at Concord,	40 10
Eliza N. Badger, " " "	43 36
Fife girls, assistance,	18 25
Tax on Meadow 1864 and 1865, Dublin,	13 87
Assistance to Sarah Ritchie,	23 11
C. C. Marey, meal for oxen,	18 21
N. E. Laws, salary for 1864,	240 00
" " interest,	10 00
Dr. Bradford, for Mrs. Thorning,	8 00
Postage stamps and stationery,	2 83
Asa Davis, services as Overseer,	26 24
Assistance to Samuel Woods,	22 12
Store bill, work in haying, &c.,	202 74
N. F. Laws, bill of articles bought at Farm,	76 63
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	\$1460 69
Balance in Overseer's hands,	\$21 04

Debts Due the Town Farm.

Gilman May,	43 00
Town of Sharon, for Horace Sawin,	3 00
Tarbox and Davis, for ox work,	40 00
State of Mass., support of Coughlin boy,	5 00
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	\$91 00

ASA DAVIS, Overseer of the Poor.

TOWN FARM.

2 pair oxen,	\$400 00	11 sheep,	35 00
1 " three-year-old,	77 00	3 shoats,	42 00
6 cows,	300 00	3 turkeys,	4 50
2 two-year-old heifers,	70 00	16 hens,	8 00
4 yearlings,	75 00		
5 calves,	60 00		
1 horse,	65 00		
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Hay and Fodder.

11½ tons English hay,	\$172 50	7 tons 2d quality hay,	77 00
2½ " Clover "	32 50	6 " meadow "	48 00

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Produce, Provisions, Lumber, &c.

50 bushels corn,	\$62 50	½ bbl. apples,	2 00
65 " oats,	45 50	225½ lbs. cheese,	31 57
7 " barley,	7 70	53 lbs. butter,	22 26
8 " white beans,	20 00	29 lbs. dried apple,	5 22
½ " colored beans,	1 00	5 lbs. dried pumpkin,	50
corn and rye meal,	2 00	15 lbs. sausages,	3 00
1 peck peas,	50	44 lbs. fresh beef,	6 16
150 bush. potatoes,	105 00	70 lbs. ham,	14 00
garden sauce,	1 00	43 lbs. lard,	9 20
1½ bbl. soap,	7 50	23 lbs. candles,	5 00
24 gall. vinegar,	10 00	½ lb. hops,	20
2 bush. salt,	2 25	3 doz. eggs,	96
72 gall. cider,	18 00	4½ lbs. white rolls,	4 50
8 cider bbls. &c.,	3 50	9 lbs. mixed rolls,	11 25
2 gall. boiled cider,	2 00	67 lbs. wool,	30 15
1 bbl. pork and bbl.,	56 20	40 sap buckets,	8 00
2 gall. pickles,	1 00	800 ft. boards and plank,	7 00
1 gall. maple molasses,	1 25	drag plank,	1 00
11½ lbs. maple sugar,	1 72	1 qt. oil,	25
1 qt. molasses,	25	6 ft. wood,	2 00
1 lb. tea,	1 60	14 spruce logs,	7 00
1 buffalo,	3 00	2½ M shingles	5 00
6 pairs hose,	2 50	sled runners and joist,	3 00
3½ yds. full cloth,	3 50	1½ lb. sage,	50
16½ yds. cloth,	16 50	yarn,	30
100 lbs. beef,	12 00		
lot tripe,	50		
1 lb. white sugar,	20		
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Debts Due the Town Farm.

Tarbox and Davis for Ox work,	\$40 00
Gilman May,	43 00
In the hands of the Overseer,	21 04
State of Massachusetts for the support of Coughlin boy,	5 00
Town of Sharon for Horace Sawin,	3 00
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	\$112 04

Credit.

By Farm as appraised Feb. 1st, 1866,	\$3466 94
“ tools,	128 68
“ stock,	1126 50
“ hay and fodder,	330 00
“ produce, provisions, lumber, &c.,	568 69
“ debts due from sundry persons, &c.,	112 04
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	\$5732 85

Debtor.

To Farm as appraised Feb. 1st, 1865.	\$3466 94
“ tools,	128 68
“ interest on farm and tools,	215 00
“ stock,	1415 75
“ hay and fodder,	483 50
“ produce, provision, lumber, &c.,	677 31
“ to amount due Superintendent, April 1st, 1866,	270 00
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	\$6657 18

Amount of Debt,	\$6657 18
“ “ Credit,	5732 85
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	\$924 33

The number of Paupers supported on the Farm during the year was one, with the addition of one about six months. The number assisted off of the farm during the year was ten.

The above report is respectfully submitted,

ASA DAVIS, Overseer of the Poor.

Peterboro', February 1st, 1865.

REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 1, 1866.

Liquors on hand Feb. 1, 1865,		79 91
Due the Town,		100 00
Liquors bought the past year,		964 46
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		\$1144 37
Amount sold in 1865,	987 14	
Amount on hand Feb. 1, 1866,	208 80	
Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1866,	22 68	
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	1218 62	
Deduct	74 25	
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		1144 37
Paid interest on \$100,	\$6 00	
Agent's salary,	68 25	
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		\$74 25

ASA DAVIS, Agent.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN.

Liabilities Feb. 1, 1866.

Asa F. Gowing, note and interest,	\$1005 00
Charles H. Brooks, 2 notes and interest,	1507 50
Isaac Hadley, " "	603 00
Joseph W. Crosby, note " "	51 00
Mary H. Brooks, " "	100 50
Cyrus Frost, " "	854 25
John W. Marsh, " "	222 70
David Wilson, " "	2184 45
Nathan Holt, " "	150 75

Timo. K. Ames, note and interest,	1206 00
Albert S. Clark, " "	326 62
Ellen R. Page, 2 notes " "	617 15
Franklin Robbe, note and interest,	108 85
Nancy Bradford, " "	157 74
Betsey Steele, 2 notes " "	932 90
Angeline H. Blood, note and interest,	616 20
George Bruce, " "	201 00
Charles E. Lakeman, 2 notes " "	486 42
Joseph S. Upton, note and " "	510 33
Jonathan Smith, " "	114 70
Frank A. Robbe, " "	324 25
Orin Smith, or Ama Holmes, " and note,	428 00
Amos B. Emery, 2 notes and " "	703 50
Wirling Gregg, note and " "	2010 00
Joseph Wilder, " "	1005 00
Eli S. Hunt, " "	603 00
Sargent Bohonan, note and " "	528 50
Geo. B. Tilden, " "	201 00
Franklin Field, " "	100 50
Joseph McCoy, " "	502 50
Emri Clark, " "	552 75
Wallace Clark, " "	100 50
Allen R. Hood, " "	841 21
Moses Eaton, " "	203 80
Moses W. Eaton, " "	1018 17
Benj. Hopkins, 3 notes and " "	5058 30
Daniel Conant, note and " "	1122 00
Elbridge Goodhue, note and interest,	364 38
Henry H. Duncklee, " "	606 30
George Thompson, 2 notes " "	1511 08
Jonathan Bohonan, 2 " "	1510 67
Charles Fogg, note and interest,	402 00
Willis L. Ames " "	502 50
Chas. B. Chapman, note and interest,	251 25
John Vose, " "	402 00
Luke Tarbox, " "	206 67
Cyrus Blanchard, " "	202 00
John D. Holmes, " "	1469 31
Daphne E. Osgood, " "	838 17
Daniel M. White, " "	978 43
Martin V. White, " "	502 50
Jane Follansbee, " "	400 00
Peterboro' Savings Bank, notes and interest,	16180 50
N. F. Laws, 1 year's salary,	270 00
Amzi Childs, damage on new road,	60 00
Hubert Brennan, damage on new road,	176 00
School District No. 1, damage on new road,	20 00

Outstanding bills due sundry persons,	25 00
C. H. Brooks, Treasurer,	75 06
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	\$54213 86

Assets.

Whole amount of uncollected taxes,	1222 13
Due from State, aid to families,	1958 85
Bounties due from United States,	4482 00
Asa Davis, Liquor Agent,	100 00
Asa Davis, Overseer of Poor, &c.,	25 00
Rents due on Town House,	31 42
Due from sundry persons,	91 00
Plow and Scraper,	10 00
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	7920 40
Balance against the Town,	<hr/>
	\$46293 46

THOMAS LITTLE, } Selectmen
of
JAMES SCOTT, } Peterboro'.

Peterboro' Feb. 1, 1866.

WE, the undersigned, auditors of accounts, have this day examined the foregoing accounts of the Treasurer, Road Agent, Overseer of the Poor, Poor Farm and Liquor Agent, and find them fully vouched and correctly cast.

K. C. SCOTT, }
F. LIVINGSTON, } Auditors.

February 1, 1866.

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Continuing bill for the year 1863
C. H. Brown, Treasurer

Whole amount of cash received
The town state bill for 1863
Interest due from United States
Ass Davis Lagoon & Co
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Interest due on Town Bonds
Due from other persons
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Balance against the Town

THOMAS LITTLE, Treasurer

JAMES SCOTT, Clerk

Petersburg, Feb 1, 1863

We the undersigned, auditors of accounts, do hereby certify that the foregoing account of the Treasurer, James Scott, for the year 1862, has been examined and found correct.

J. C. SCOTT
J. L. SCOTT

February 1, 1863